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/// BACKGROUND

This multidisciplinary conference aims to provide a forum for discussion and the exchange of ideas around best practice on education and sustainable development in regions. It further aims to draw links between research, practice, education for sustainability, lifelong learning and the needs of industry, and address the sustainable development goals (SDGs).

The conference will be hosted by Passo Fundo University in Brazil, in partnership with Manchester Metropolitan University and HAW Hamburg, under the auspices of the Inter-University Sustainable Development Research Programme (IUSDRP).

The aim of the Inter-University Sustainable Development Research Programme, established at the World Symposium on Sustainable Development at Universities 2014 in Manchester is to provide a platform, on which member universities may undertake research on matters related to sustainable development and to assemble interdisciplinary, cross-Faculty teams among its member universities, focusing on sustainable development, with a keen interest to engage on bidding for national and international sustainability research projects.

The Symposium focused on education and sustainable development in regions, but is not limited to a specific discipline. It intentionally seeks to promote sustainable development and lifelong learning across multi disciplines.

Four key themes will be explored at the conference:

1: Education and Lifelong Learning for Sustainability
2: Energy Security, Access and Efficiency
3: Sustainable Cities & Sustainable Buildings
4: Sustainable Infrastructure

A further aim of the event will be to document and disseminate the wealth of experiences on sustainable development in regions today. The event will be held in Portuguese and in English. Translation of the presentations may be provided in specific cases. Please contact the organisers.
/// PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

Delegates attending the Symposium will come from a cross-sectoral range of areas. These are:

i. teaching staff
ii. research staff;
iii. postgraduate students
iv. members of university administrations;
v. project officers and consultants;
vi. other people interested in the field.

It is believed that this wide range of participants will help to outline the need for integrated approaches towards research on sustainable development and, hence contribute towards advancing this field of work even further.

/// STRUCTURE OF THE EVENT

The Symposium will be organised around two main strands:

**Strand 1: the posters**
Participants will be able to put-up posters describing their works and projects and to distribute the relevant information to the participants. The posters will be the backbone of the event and will allow close, one-to-one contacts between the participants and the exhibitors.

**Strand 2: the presentations**
A set of presentations, divided into four main themes will be organized.

*Session 1: Education and Lifelong Learning for Sustainability*
*Session 2: Energy Security, Access and Efficiency*
*Session 3: Sustainable Cities & Sustainable Buildings*
*Session 4: Sustainable Infrastructure*

To foster discussion and exchange of ideas all presentations are to be limited to five powerpoint slide each. Presentations should be no more than 20 minutes.

This event is being organised in cooperation with the EDULINK Project “Lifelong Learning for Energy Security, Access and Efficiency in African and Pacific Small Island States” (L3EAP) which will be presented at the event.

/// DEADLINES

**Deadline for submission of abstracts:** 30th October 2016
**Deadline for submission of presentations:** 15th December 2016
**Deadline for registrations:** 15th December 2016
The event will be held in Portuguese and in English. Translation of the presentations may be provided when needed.

/// THE VENUE:

University of Passo Fundo, Passo Fundo (RS), Brazil. Passo Fundo has its own airport and can be also reached by car from Porto Alegre, the capital city of the state of Rio Grande do Sul.

/// FEES AND CHARGES

There are no fees, but delegates who intend to attend the event need to register by 15th December 2016. Registration includes coffee breaks on 10th-11th January 2017.

/// REGISTRATION AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Registrations are now open and are possible until 15th December 2016. Regrettably, registrations after the deadline will not be possible. Since the space for displays and the time for presentations is limited, delegates are advised to submit their abstracts and register as soon as possible. The organisers will notify any interested delegate or organisation in case there are any limitations with time for presentations, or in respect of space for displays. Registered delegates will then receive further details on the preparations for the event. The decision as to which papers will be accepted for presentation will be taken by the Chairpersons, following consultation with the Scientific Committee.

/// ORGANISERS

• University of Passo Fundo, Brazil
• Inter-University Sustainable Development Research Programme
• Hamburg University of Applied Sciences (HAW), Germany
• Manchester Metropolitan University, UK

/// SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Chairpersons

• Prof. Luciana Brandli, University of Passo Fundo, Brazil
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